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Wayne vs. Miller lawsuit goes to appeals court

While the City of Wayne lawsuit against former Councilman Anthony Miller was dismissed Aug. 30 by Third Circuit Court Judge Sheila Gibson, a counter claim by Miller will be heard by the Michigan Court of Appeals and could establish a legal precedent.

Miller is claiming discrimination by city officials and is demanding redress under the Elliott Larsen Act which prohibits discrimination based on race, religion or sexual orientation. The city argument is that Miller, as an elected official, was not a city employee and therefore not afforded those protections.

Miller's attorney, James Rasor of the Rasor Law Firm, strongly disagrees with the city argument noting that the city "ruthlessly attacked" Miller and he is entitled to the same protections as "usual employees." Should the appeals court find in Miller's favor, it could establish a legal precedent for other elected officials, Rasor said.

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The city lawsuit claimed that Miller, now 64, had breached his fiduciary responsibility to the city when he provided a hostile work environment investigation report to Michigan State Police as part of a criminal investigation. The 2018 report dealt with the conduct of former City Manager Lisa Nocerini and concluded that she should be disciplined up to and including termination. The city lawsuit alleged that the report was a confidential work product.

The judge dismissed the claims of the city noting that the statute of limitations had expired before the suit was filed and that the city allegation that the report was ever confidential was disproven by a video tape of a city council meeting in which the posting of the report on the city website was discussed and approved by officials.

According to Rasor, there is a currently motion before Gibson requesting that Miller be granted attorney fees and costs along with other sanctions. That means, Rasor said, the judge could decide to levy some punishment against the city for "acting in bad faith." The bad faith, Rasor explained, would be the proof presented during the trial that city officials knew the report was not confidential before the lawsuit was filed.

Rasor said the issue before the appeals court claiming discrimination would establish the employment status of Miller and other elected officials, determining if they are in fact municipal employees. While elected officials are not traditional employees, he said, the city should not

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Celebrate the season

Traditional Romulus Pumpkin Festival begins tomorrow

The 25th annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, a three-day event that begins on the third Friday in September each year, will begin tomorrow, Sept. 15, at Romulus Historical Park located at 11147 Hunt St.

The event will begin tomorrow evening with the traditional Rotary Club Festival of Lights where everything is aglow, from bicycles to cement trucks. Thousands of people line Goddard Road to wait for the vehicles to pass by during the event. Information about the parade rules and entry requirements is still available on the Romulus Rotary Facebook page or email Romulus.rotary@gmail.com.

During the weekend, the street festival features music, food, crafts, and games for all ages. There is a classic car show and a craft and vendor show along with live musical entertainment. Organizers said the Pumpkin Festival is a celebration of friends and family; a harvest celebration that generates an enthusiastic spirit and regenerates a sense of community.

The public will be given a chance to pick their favorite entries in several tasting and craft competitions on Facebook and winners for all contests will be announced on Facebook and contacted individually. Bingo games sponsored by the Romulus Chamber of Commerce will take place from 4 until 12 p.m. tomorrow, from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday. There will be cash prizes all three days.

The Romulus Professional Fire Fighters IAFF Local 4126 will serve pancakes from 8 until 11:30 a.m. at the park on Saturday. Breakfasts of pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice will be prepared and served by members of the Romulus Fire Department. The cost for the meal is $5 for adults and $4 for seniors. Children 4 and younger eat at no cost with the purchase of an adult breakfast. More information is available from Capt. John Thiede at (734)740-1194.

Also on Saturday is the popular Romulus Downtown Development Authority Pumpkin Festival Punkin Chuckin contest. The event will begin at 3:30 Sept. 16 at the festival hospitality tent. No pre-registration is required, although competitors are cautioned to warm up their throwing arms to compete for the various prizes.

In addition to the entertainment and games, a 5Krun and walk is planned for 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 17. The run will begin behind the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins St. in Romulus.

Check in will begin at 8:30 a.m., warm-up at 8:45 a.m. and the run will officially begin at 9 a.m. There will be first, second and third place prizes. Information is available at (734) 955-4521.

The Corn Hole Tournament sponsored by St. John's Lodge #44 will take place from 1 until 4 p.m. Saturday, north of the Historical Park Pavilion. The registration fee is $15 per person and advance registration is encouraged. There will be trophies for the first and second place teams and medals for the third-place team.

The tournament is a benefit for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America and donations are also accepted. For more information, call Brother James Brown at (734) 389-5372.

The event is organized each year by a Pumpkin Festival Committee, first established in 1996 for the

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School board recall petitions are rejected by county

Petitions to recall three of the seven members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education were rejected by members of the Wayne County Election Commission last month.

The petitions, seeking the recall school board members Lauren Christenson, Patrick Kehoe, and Shawn Wilson were filed Aug. 7 and rejected for lack of clarity on Aug. 17. The remaining three board members were too recently elected to be subject to recall by state law.

According to election commission documents, the petitioner was Howard L. Ring. The recall campaign was reportedly prompted by objections to the school board members' 6-1 vote to retire the Canton High School arrowhead logo and eliminate the name "Chiefs" in response to possible claims of cultural appropriation. Trustee Sheryl Picard cast the sole dissenting vote against the measure.

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The change of logo and name was unpopular with several parents and district alumni who protested the measure during a fractious July board meeting. The change was prompted by a student presentation to the board members last year arguing that the arrowhead logo and Chief's name were disrespectful to Native Americans. Despite results of a May 2023 community school district supported survey - with 6,206 respondents - which showed a majority of community respondents in favor of keeping the Chiefs name and image, the board members approved the change.

To get a recall on the ballot in Michigan, recall supporters must collect signatures equal in number to 25 percent of voters in the jurisdiction in the last gubernatorial election. They have 60 days between the collection of the first signature and the collection of the last signature on the petition.

Wayne - Westland

Top cops

Wayne honors police officers

Wayne police officers were recognized for outstanding performance during the regular meeting of the city council last week.

Police Chief Ryan Strong presented the commendations to each officer. Selections for the awards were made by an awards committee which included patrol and command officers, along with Strong. The committee members meet annually to choose commendation awardees.

Officers James Serman and Scott Bouchie received commendations for their response and investigation into a serious assault case.

Lt. Finley Carter, Lt. Robert Amore, Sgt. Chad Colwell, and Ofc. Michael Bolton were recognized with a commendation for their response and investigation into a double homicide in the city.

Colwell and Ofc. Keith Williams received a commendation for their response and investigation into a shooting in the city. Ofc. Raquel Ogarek was presented with a commendation for her performance during a traffic stop that led to the arrest of several subjects for gun and other felony charges.

Officers James Serman and Bouchie were commended for their response and investigation into an armed robbery that led to an arrest and the recovery of the victim's property.

Sgt. Jordan Arndt received a lifesaving award for pulling a suicidal person off the railroad tracks with a train approaching. Ofc. Stephen Perez also received a lifesaving award for safely disarming a suicidal person.

Wayne Police Department officers were awarded commendations for their service during the regular meeting of the city council last week. In July, Lt. Robert Amore was named Officer of the Year for 2022.

Officer Heather Holcomb was awarded a commendation for her investigation into a series of burglaries that led to an arrest and Ofc. Ryan Caprathe and Ofc. Keith Zavitz were awarded commendations for their response and investigation into a serious assault case that led to an arrest and recovery of a gun.

In July, Amore was presented with the 2022 Wayne Police Department Police Officer of the Year Award.

A team of officers from all ranks chose Amore for the honor. He has been with the Wayne Police Department since 2005 and is currently a road patrol lieutenant.

Amore was vital in the recent accreditation of the Wayne department with the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

"Lt. Amore is an extremely hard working member of the department with a consistently positive attitude. We are lucky to have him as part of our team," Strong said.

Giving thanks

Registration opens for Thanksgiving meals for veterans and servicemen

While Halloween pumpkins and decorations are just beginning to appear throughout the community, Wayne and Westland officials have Thanksgiving on their minds.

Westland Mayor Michael Londeau, Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa and Wayne Ford Civic League President Vic Barra are already planing the 10th Annual Holiday Meals for Wayne-Westland veterans, surviving spouses, and families of active duty service members.

Registration for the free meals is already being accepted and suggested, officials said. Registration is available online at: https://www.cityofwestland.com/.../Holiday-Meals-for... or contact Londeau's office, (734) 467-3200 or email: mayor@cityofwestland.com. Registration is also available at Rhaesa's office, (734) 722-2000 or email: JRhaesa@cityofwayne.com. Registration forms are also available at the Westland City Hall greeter station.

Applications must be submitted no later than noon Wednesday, Nov. 15 to receive a complete holiday meal, "compliments of a grateful community," officials said.

Veterans and/or their families can pick up the free meals from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at Wayne Ford Civic League 1645 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Pre-registration for the meals is required.

For more information, call (734) 728-5010.

Section of Wayne Road to close

Wayne Road will be closed for repairs at the bridge just north of the Holliday Park building in Westland sometime before Nov. 15, according to an announcement on social media.

The road will remain closed for about a year during the removal and rebuilding of the bridge across the river in the area.

Those who live north of the Holliday Park building will need to take Newburgh Road or Merriman Road to Warren Road to Wayne Road to detour around the closure. Wayne County officials warned motorists in the area to plan for additional road time to travel in the area.

Officials said Merriman Road where reconstruction has been ongoing will be open prior to the closure of Wayne Road.

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Lawsuit

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be able to arbitrarily attack and discriminate against them without consequences. They should be afforded the same protections as "usual employees" Rasor said.

Miller, who was appointed to the city council in December of 2015 and re-elected twice, resigned his position in June of 2021 during the COVID pandemic and moved out of state. While he said he was hesitant to make any comment on the current situation, he said his treatment by other city officials was a factor in his resignation. Miller added that he "glad to see this over with" and that he felt vindicated by the judge's ruling.

The investigative report concerning the conduct of Nocerini has also been accepted as evidence in three separate ongoing legal proceedings.

Resident Mark Blackwell is charging Nocerini and Police Chief Ryan Strong with violations of his civil rights. He claims Nocerini motivated Strong to falsely arrest him for speaking out at public meetings regarding the findings in the report. Nocerini claimed that Blackwell was stalking her by speaking to other residents in the city hall parking lot following council meetings and driving behind her on Wayne Road.

Blackwell was found not guilty of all those allegations and he is now pursuing legal redress from the city based on violations of his civil rights.

In a separate lawsuit, Wayne police Ofc. Abraham Hughes also claims Nocerini interfered with the police chief selection process by insisting Blackwell be arrested. He alleges he refused to make the arrest and claims that despite higher test scores, Strong was promoted to the chief's job after arresting Blackwell.

The report is also part of a criminal charge against former Councilman Christopher Sanders who is charged with criminal stalking by Nocerini. He is facing a jury trial on the charges next month.

Nocerini resigned her position last month.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 28 2023 for the following:

CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION SEPTEMBER 2023

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 5 2023 for the following:

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY STUDY

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 28, 2023 for the following:

PRINTING SERVICES FOR 2023 ANNUAL
ISSUES OF THE SHOPCANTON GUIDE

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 28, 2023, for the following:

PAVILION CONSTRUCTION 24' X 30' @ POLICE SHOOTING RANGE

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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PUBLIC HEARING
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 2024 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the library's Friends' Activity Room. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

Eva Davis
Library Director

CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, October 4, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold the following public hearings at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. TEMP-2023-004; **Sheraton Park & Fly**, requesting to extend temporary use for 172 of 539 parking spaces to be utilized for airport park and fly. The subject property is located at **8000 Merriman Road** (DP# 80-037-99-0028-000).
2. BZA-2023-014; **Romulus Auto Repair**, requesting a use variance in accordance with Section 22.039(d), Use Variances to allow a spray paint booth inside the current auto repair (minor) facility. The use is considered vehicle body repair (major) which is not permitted in the CBD-3 District. The subject property is located at **37385 Goddard Road** (DP# 80-078-13-0180-005), Suite #200.

Copies of the applications are available for review in the Planning Department located at the Department of Public Services (12600 Wayne Road) during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Carol Maise, City Planning in the Planning Department at 734-955-4530. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to the Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the Planning Secretary (734-955-4530) 48 hours prior to the meeting. Our staff will be pleased to make necessary arrangements.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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INKSTER - ROMULUS

Checking in

The Romulus Public Safety Foundation received a $5,000 donation from Domino's last week. The funds will be used for events like the annual P.A.C.T. (Police and Community Together) bike ride where the path to the donation began, officials said. During the bike ride earlier this summer, Assistant to the Police Chief Monique Talley, far left, was in conversation with Cathy McCoy, in the yellow top, the manager at Gateway Townhomes in the community. McCoy, well known for her community activism, spoke to her son, Kevin Robinson, with the white stripe on shirt and hat, a Domino's Supply chain employee. He nominated the police foundation for the Domino's Supply Chain award as part of the company annual charitable giving program. Following a vote of the Domino's employees, the Romulus Public Safety Foundation was chosen for the donation. Domino's Michigan Supply Chain Director John Prevost, far right, presented the check to the grateful public safety group. On hand for the presentation was Romulus Deputy Fire Chief Ken Chapman, back row, left, and Police Chief Robert Pfannes, center, who gratefully accepted the check.

Festival

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planning of the first festival in 1997. Members of the committee meet at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month beginning in March to prepare for the September event. Meetings take place in Romulus City Hall Council Chambers at 11111 Wayne Road.

For information, or to join the committee, call the Pumpkin Festival Hotline at (734) 955-4577 or email pumpkinfestival@romulusgov.com.

Shooting suspect sought by police

Following a weeklong manhunt, a 25-year-old Inkster resident suspected of killing his mother was arrested by Detroit police last Sunday.

Joshua Hill, who was reported to be armed and dangerous, was sought by police in connection with the death of his 64-year-old mother. According to police reports, officers were called to a home in the 29020 block of Glenwood near Central Street in Inkster on Tuesday, Sept. 5 where they discovered the body of Hill's mother, who apparently died from gunshot wounds.

According to police reports, Hill had a verbal argument with his mother on Sept. 4 and threatened her with a gun. When officers arrived at the Glenwood Home at 2:15 p.m. the next day, Sept. 4, they discovered the victim's body in her bedroom with multiple gunshot wounds to her body. She was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

Joshua Hill

Joshua Hill

Hill reportedly left the scene immediately after the shooting, investigators said.

Hill has been charged with first degree murder and felony firearm violation.

"Matricide is not a crime that is widely committed," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy. "We are alleging that Joshua Hill did just that. We are relieved that he has finally been found and taken into custody. We will now begin the process of bringing justice to the rest of his family.

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Romulus Downtown Development Authority

Pumpkin Festival -Schedule of Events

Friday, September 15, 2023

Romulus Rotary Parade of Lights
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4:00 pm-9:00 pm	Bingo - Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce
4:00 pm-9:00 pm	Craft & Vendor Show
4:00 pm-8:00 pm	Pumpkin Painting Tent
4:00 pm-11:00 pm	Bingo Tent- Romulus Chamber of Commerce
6:00 pm-12:00 am	Arts Council Pumpkin Pub-Historical Park Pavilion
6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Waco Band - Main Stage
4:00 pm-11:00 pm	Food Trucks
6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Inflatables/Bounce Houses
8:00 pm-10:00 pm	ROTARY Parade of Lights begins-Goddard Rd.(Gabriel to 5-Points)
9:00 pm-11:00 pm	D'tour Band - Main Stage
11:30 pm-1:00 am	Dishwasher Safe Band - Main Stage

Saturday, September 16, 2023

8:00 am-11:30 am	Pancake Breakfast - IAFF LOCAL 4126--Historical Park Pavilion
9:00 am-4:00 pm	Car Show
11:00 am-8:00 pm	Craft & Vendor Show
11:00 am-8:00 pm	Inflatables / Bounce Houses
11:00 am-11:00 pm	Food Trucks
11:00 am-8:00 pm	Bingo - Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce
11:00 am-8:00 pm	Museum and Kingsley House Tours by Historical Society
11:00 am-4:00 pm	Pumpkin Painting & DIA Craft Tent
12:30 pm-1:30 pm	Greca Martial Arts Studio - Freight House Stage
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	St John's Lodge #44 - Corn Hole Tournament-N. of Pavilion
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	DJ Jeff Lowrey - Historical Park Pavilion
1:30 pm-2:30 pm	Gincy Music Show - Freight House Stage
2:30 pm-3:15 pm	Step-in-Line, dance demo - Freight House Stage
3:00 pm	Pumpkin Chuckin Competition
3:00 pm-1:00 am	Pumpkin Pub - Historical Park Pavilion
3:30 pm-5:00 pm	Last Stand Band - Freight House stage
4:00 pm-11:00 pm	Bingo Tent- Romulus Chamber of Commerce
5:00 pm-6:30 pm	Full Tilt Boogie Band - Main Stage
5:30 pm-7:00 pm	DJ Kings Reign - Freight House Stage
7:00 pm-9:00 pm	Larry Lee Back in the Day Band - Main Stage
9:30 pm-11:30 pm	First Call Crew - Main Stage
11:30 pm-1:00 am	Comedy Show - Historical Park Pavilion

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:00 am-10:30 am	5-K Walk with Kroger & UABB - Starts at Bibbins & Hunts Streets
11:00 am-4:00 pm	Pumpkin Painting & DIA Craft Tent
11:00 am-5:00 pm	Inflatables / Bounce Houses
11:00 am-5:00 pm	Food Trucks & Vendor Show
11:00 am-5:00 pm	Bingo- Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce
11:00 am-5:00 pm	Museum and Kingsley House Tours by Historical Society
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Worship in the Park - Freight House Stage
1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Outdoor Games
2:00 pm	Motorcycle Parade & Show
2:00 pm-3:00 pm	Live Band - Freight House Stage
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Pumpkin Smash Competition
4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Romulus Got Talent - Freight House Stage

Romulus DDA Pumpkin Festival 2023 25th Anniversary

Northville

Traditional Victorian Festival begins next week

Northville will celebrate the history of the community during the annual Victorian Festival set for Sept. 22, 23 and 24.

The three-day celebration opens with the Victorian Parade on Friday evening and continues through Saturday and Sunday with a wide range of events. The traditional event includes live music, theatrical performances, Victorian-era reenactors, educational presentations, craft vendors, duck races and other entertainment.

Mayor Brian Turnbull will discuss the rich Victorian history at the Northville District Library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the Northville District Library. He will share stories of the people, places, and businesses from Northville's past. Registration is available on the library online portal.

The festival booths will open from 4 until 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22 on Main and Center streets. Throughout the weekend, local non-profit, school groups, food trucks, and Arts & Crafts vendors will be engaging with visitors in the heart of town, providing food and activities.

At 6:30 p.m., the festival will officially begin with the Victorian Parade featuring children and adults all dressed in period attire. The parade will start on West Cady and Wing near the post office travel down East Cady to Hutton, Dunlap to Linden, West Main to Wing and back to the starting point. A map of the route is available on the Northville Chamber of Commerce website.

The Shawn Riley Band will perform at Town Square from 7 until 10 p.m.

This year, there will be no beer tent. Instead, visitors are encouraged to enjoy the expanded social district, The Twist, and meet in downtown Northville at Town Square or on the closed streets at Main and Center. The restaurants and bars in town will be open to help celebrate the event.

On Saturday, festival booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Town Square stage will feature entertainment all day, with performers ranging from musicians to magicians. At 11 a.m., Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek of A2 Magic, has a comedy/magic show, sponsored by the Northville District Library. At 1 p.m., the Northville Chorale performs. The Switchback Band will perform from 2 until 5 p.m. Northville Folk will play from 7 to 9 p.m.

Authentic Victorian costumes are a tradition during the Northville Victorian Festival which celebrates the history of the community.

A full schedule of performances is available at the Northville Chamber of Commerce website.

The Eclipse Vintage Baseball team plays at Ford Field at noon on Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

From noon until 3 p.m. Sunday, Mill Race Village will offer tours, events and family fun. The spirited duck race begins at 3:30 p.m. Duck sales will take place from noon to 3 p.m. and sell for $5 per duck or a Quack Pack of five for $20. Visit the Mill Race Village for a schedule of activities.

In downtown Northville on Sunday, festival booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Switchback returns to the Town Square stage from noon to 3 p.m.

Greenway consultants present city connectivity study

Representatives from the Greenway Collaborative believe they have found ways to improve connectivity between Northville parks, neighborhoods and local destinations.

The draft report of the consultants was presented to members of the Northville City Council Aug. 24 and included an update of the non-motorized plan developed in 2013. The report included plans for a proposed traffic roundabout, a riverwalk pathway, seasonally closed downtown streets and new developments at the Downs and Foundry Flask.

The report demonstrated ways paths, trails and sidewalks in the city can be better connected within the city and also link to regional pathways to improve conditions in the near term, with a focus on safety, access, and creating an environment that inspires people to walk and bicycle more, a spokesman noted.

City council members said they were impressed with the content and noted it is an important and much needed document that will also help support future grant applications.

Ideas presented in the report include narrowing some four-lane streets to three lanes, using the inside lane for turns and adding bike paths to both sides of the street. Green-painted boxes for bike paths at busy intersections would alert drivers of bicyclists. The consultants propose closing the gaps in existing sidewalks by adding new sidewalks and building walkways on street shoulders where feasible. Examples include Baseline Road near Parmenter's Cider Mill, and Seven Mile between River and S. Center.

To improve safe school routes, the consultants propose making a sidewalk connection to Amerman Elementary, installing a shared-use path along Doheny Drive to Silver Spring Elementary School, completing the sidewalk along Eight Mile between Randolph and Hillside School, and replacing the existing pedestrian bridge at Moraine Elementary School with a pedestrian hybrid beacon and a crossing island.

In one section of the report, the consultants focused on key corridors in the city and those leading to regional connections, noting what hasn't been completed from the 2013 plan, and presented crash data, on usage of pathways provided by app users, as well as the consultants' observations and recommendations.

The consultants indicated many of the changes can be done near-term since they involve city-owned right of ways and would not alter the curbs. One simple improvement is to plant more trees in right of ways to provide a buffer for pedestrians and make the street appear narrower to motorists, which helps reduce speed. The consultants recommended removing some street parking and creating a bike path for greater safety and visibility in certain areas, including Randolph near High, and Wing between Main and Cady.

The report was produced by Norm Cox and Carolyn Prudhomme, of The Greenway Collaborative. A SEMCOG planning grant for FY 2023 will reimburse approximately 90 percent of the $40,000 contract cost.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 28 2023 for the following:

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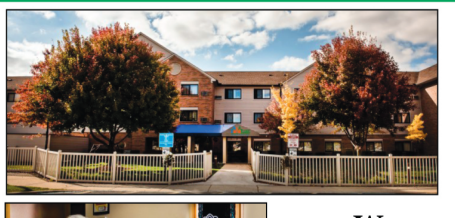
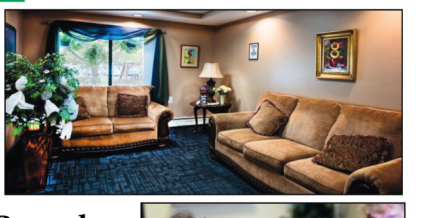

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59. Auctions

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1FALP45T4RF107992
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The above vehicles are impounded through the Westland Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Westland Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

1987 Chevrolet
1GBKP37W1H3325903
The above vehicles are impounded through the Canton Township Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Canton Township Police Department within 48 hours of the sale. There is $100 purchase fee paid directly to the Canton Township Police Department per vehicle on top of the winning bid.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

Copart has vehicles up for public auction Tuesday 9/19/23 at 10 AM at www.copart.com:

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19 BUIC ENCORE PRE
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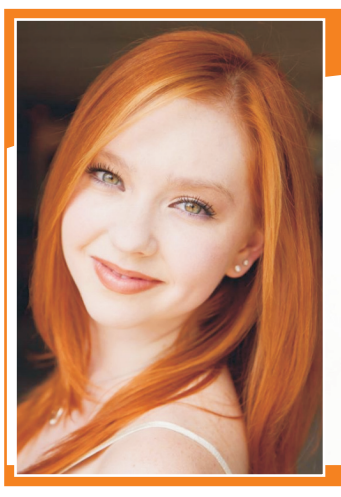
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PLYMOUTH

Penn Theatre awarded Dunning Foundation grant

Friends of the Penn has received a grant of $19,000 from the Margaret Dunning Foundation to support the upgrade of house lighting at the Penn Theatre.

Built in 1941, the Penn was built exclusively as a movie theater. The current house lighting offers adequate illumination when films are featured, but presents a challenge for events that are not film-based, explained Ellen Elliott, executive director of Friends of the Penn.

"The whole community has the potential to benefit from this project. We host a mental health lecture series for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District that benefits our youngest citizens.

"We also collaborate with the Plymouth District Library to schedule author lectures and other events for people of all ages. We work with other nonprofit organizations, including the Plymouth Historical Museum, Plymouth Pollinators, Keep Plymouth Leafy, and Plymouth Community Arts Council, to schedule programming that educates and inspires our residents.

> *We are grateful to the Dunning Foundation for their assistance in helping us continue with our charitable mission.*

"This improvement will provide a more desirable environment, allowing our guest speakers to see their audiences and permit the audience members to actively participate in a well-lit space. We are grateful to the Dunning Foundation for their assistance in helping us continue with our charitable mission of preserving and maintaining the historic Penn Theatre," Elliott said in a prepared statement.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. She was born in 1910 in Redford Township, and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful businesswoman, philanthropist, and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, Ms. Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster. Ms. Dunning died in 2015 at the age of 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information: www.margaretdunningfdn.org.

Museum exhibit offers look into history of community

Almost every small town in America can claim some skeletons in the closet and Plymouth is no exception, historians agree.

This Plymouth story begins with the Old Village Inn, at left, that stood at the junction of Mill Street and the railroad tracks. A hotel or boarding house stood on this location as early as 1875, according to researchers.

Names changed through the years, including San Francisco House, Commercial House, Hotel Victor, Hotel Anderine, Hotel Nelson, and finally the Old Village Inn.

Because of its location just east of the train depot, the establishment was frequented by rail workers and later by transients and renters.

While murder was not entirely unknown at the Old Village Inn, the brutal murder of Stacey Hurrelbrink on Aug. 23, 1981, was the beginning of the end for the hostelry. Hurrelbrink's body was found under brush next to the tracks near the Inn. She had been beaten extensively with a hammer, which was found by a police dive team in Wilcox Lake about two weeks into the investigation into her death.

The Old Village Inn stood at the junction of Mill Street and the railroad tracks where a brutal murder took place in 1981.

A resident of the Old Village Inn, Ronald Hartwig, was found guilty of second-degree murder in January 1984 and he was sentenced to 13 to 35 years in prison.

The Old Village Inn was repeatedly cited with building violations and experienced numerous fires. The owner, Eugene Leblanc, lost the property when it reverted to the Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union in 1983.

In 1985 the building was razed and there is now a warehousing building at the site, historians noted.

This is only one of the historic revelations in the current exhibit, "Hidden Plymouth," at the Plymouth Historical Museum at 155 S. Main St. Museum hours are 1 - 4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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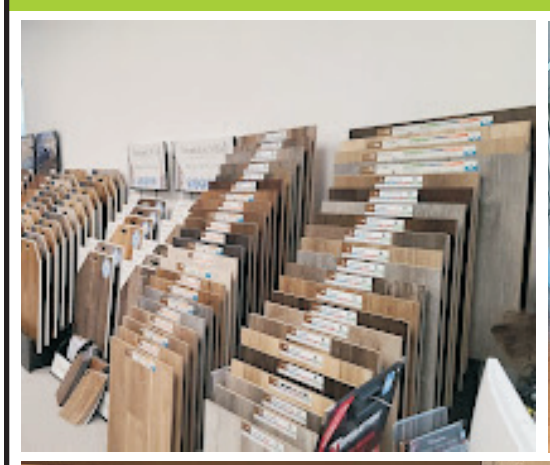

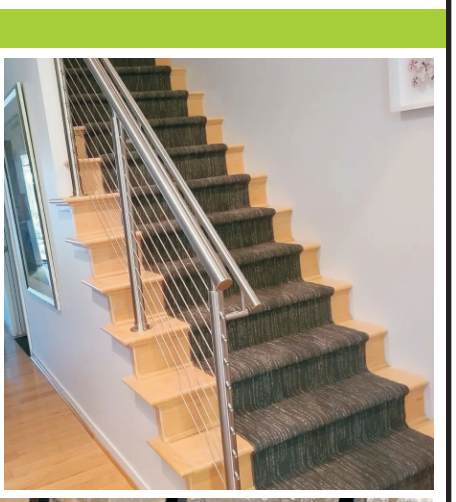

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Canton - Sumpter

Board OKs larger warning signs at Sherwood Pond

While it may be a bit late in the season, visitors to Sherwood Pond in Sumpter Township can expect to see much larger signs advising them to swim at their own risk.

Currently, testing for bacteria in the pond water is limited due to scheduling inconsistencies with available laboratories and there is no lifeguard on duty at the pond. Last month, Trustee Matt Oddy suggested taking the precaution of prohibiting swimming at the pond due to several drownings in surrounding municipal water attractions. Most members of the board agreed with Oddy that some precautions were necessary but were hesitant to ban swimming at the township park.

Following discussion at a previous meeting, a public meeting was scheduled for input regarding township residential ponds. Oddy said there was no public input on the proposed ban at Sherwood Pond at that meeting.

Township Manager Anthony Burdick explained the three-week cycle of testing the pond for bacteria or harmful elements noting that by the time the testing was complete, the environment at the pond had changed due to the weather conditions. He noted that some water features in other communities where the water is filtered and cleaned, testing takes place three times a day to ensure safety of those using the facility.

> *Currently, testing for bacteria in the pond water is limited due to scheduling inconsistencies with available laboratories and there is no lifeguard on duty.*

Trustee Don LaPorte said he was concerned with the safety at the pond but noted that after the Labor Day holiday it could be the end of swimming season at the pond.

Oddy was also concerned that township ordinances are in place regarding residential ponds in the community, but those same regulations are not enforced at the township-owned pond in Banotai Park. He added that federal standards might classify the pond as a lake, based on area size and depth as it is 20 feet deep in spots.

"At the minimum, we need larger signs permanently installed," Oddy said.

LaPorte agreed and suggested investigating a possible regular testing routine for next year.

The board members agreed to increase the signs cautioning swimmers to 3 feet by 3 feet. In the absence of Supervisor Tim Bowman, Trustee Peggy Morgan cast the only no vote on the cautionary signage.

Brews, Brats and Bands returns to Preservation Park

A 14-year tradition will return to Preservation Park in Canton Township Sept. 23.

Since 2010, Brews, Brats and Bands has attracted craft beer lovers and the older than 21 crowd to the special event set for 6 until 9 p.m. The event has been revamped by host Canton Leisure Services and the Village Arts Factory. Sponsors of the event include Schoolcraft College, Maraschinos Pub, and Beerfests.com.

"Metro Detroit's growing craft beer culture can taste and appreciate over 50 specialty beers, ciders, and seltzers in one location," said Kevin Ryan, Village Arts Factory program director. "Any event involving drinking craft beers, eating brats, and listening to music with friends and family is bound to be a good time. Plus, proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Village Arts Factory, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Canton that serves as a nexus for the arts, culture, music, and community engagement, as well as the Canton Cares Fund, which supports the Canton community by providing financial assistance to disaster relief, therapeutic recreation, youth and senior programs, he added.

Admission includes seven tasting tokens each good for beer, cider, or seltzer tasting samples, as well as two grilled brats of customer's choice (vegetarian option available), a snack from the pretzel necklace-making station, water, chili cook-off tastings, and a commemorative mug. The brats will be provided by Maraschinos Pub. Plus, musical entertainment will be performed throughout the evening by Standing Room Only.

Tickets are $45, if purchased online before Sept. 23 and $50 at the door (cash only). Tickets can be purchased online at https://events.beerfests.com. Designated Driver tickets are also available for just $15. Additional beer-tasting tickets are available for purchase; receive four additional tickets for just $5. Limited seating and tables will be provided, so attendees are encouraged to bring their own folding chairs.

Brews, Brats and Bands has always attracted the older than 21 crowd to Preservation Park in Canton Township. The event this year is set for 6 until 9 p.m. Sept. 23.

For more information on Canton's Brews, Brats, and Bands, visit www.cantonfun.org/678.

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